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Kai Thompson
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: August 2021 Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of August 2021.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academy approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; organization of a first meeting of the provisional committee; and discussion of the planned workshop with the sponsor. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff completed its tasks related to web posting of the provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period. Project staff also made plans for a first virtual meeting of the committee, in coordination with EPA. The meeting is slated for September 23 and will include an open session as well as a closed session. The open session will include an opportunity to discuss the statement of task with EPA. To assist committee preparations, project staff requested a pre-recorded presentation from EPA on the reasons for the study, expectations, and descriptions of the types of recommendations that would be most useful. The recording would be made publicly available on the National Academies website. The closed session of the meeting will include a discussion of committee balance and conflict-of-interest. Any conflicts of interest or issues of committee balance and expertise would be investigated and changes to the committee would be proposed, if necessary, in finalizing the committee.

In the following period, project staff anticipate continued preparations for and conduct of the first meeting of the committee on September 23, 2021. In addition, project staff will advance plans for further virtual closed sessions during the remainder of 2021. These virtual sessions will allow for preliminary discussions of the committee's consensus report, as well as for subcommittee discussions of the literature review and for planning of the first public workshop, with the support of project staff.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures is provided below.

Financial information for August 2021:

Labor Cost	\$	<div>Ex. 4 CBI</div>
ODCs	\$	
Overhead	\$	
G&A	\$	
Total August 2021	\$	20,273.91

The total expenditures since inception are \$ 73,245.04. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

Sincerely,

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EPA Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests
Sponsor Award # 68HERC19D0011/68HERC21F0178
Progress Report, August 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2021
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

Ex. 4 CBI

990.26

Ex. 4 CBI

Monthly

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Progress Report, August 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2021
Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)

Ex. 4 CBI

Dollars spent

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Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

☒ Hours worked this month
☐ Hours worked to date

Ex. 4 CBI